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"for the further Limitation of the Crown, and better securing the Rights and Liberties of the Subject," be read; and it was read accordingly.

The House was moved, That the 8th and 10th Sections of an Act, made in the 22d Year of Geo. 2. Cap. 45, entitled "An Act for the further Encouragement of the Whale Fishery, and for continuing such Laws as are therein mentioned relating thereto, and for the Naturalization of such Foreign Protestants as shall serve for the time therein mentioned on board such Ships as shall be fitted out for the said Fishery," be read; and it was read accordingly.

The House referred the further Consideration of the Subject till the Afternoon.

*The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock.*

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Subject [relative to Mr. Hagar, and after considering the several Statutes, and the Acts of Assembly aforesaid, Mr. Hagar was ordered to withdraw; and Mr. Speaker, by the Direction of the House, put the following Question, That Jonathan Hagar, returned as a Representative for Frederick County, not being a natural born Subject, nor descended from one, but naturalized in 1747, agreeable to the Stat. 18. Geo. 2. being a Resident of this Province ever since, and having a Freehold of fifty acres of Land be eligible? Resolved in the Negative; Mr. Hagar was called in, and, Mr. Speaker, by Order of the House, informed him that he was dismissed from any further Attendance on this House as a Member thereof.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Secretary of this Province requiring him to issue a new Writ of Election to the Sheriff of Frederick County to elect a Delegate to serve in this present General Assembly in the Room of Mr. Jonathan Hagar, whose Seat is declared vacant.

The House being informed by the Honourable Speaker, that the Reverend Mr. Love had offered to read Prayers every Morning in the House during this Session for the usual Allowance, Mr. Chase is desired to inform Mr. Love, that this House cheerfully accept his offer.

The Order of the Day being read, the House took into Consideration the several letters and other Papers communicated to this House by the Honourable Speaker, and addressed to him by the Honourable the Speakers of the several Colonies of Virginia, Massachusetts Bay, Connecticut, and Rhode Island; and Resolved unanimously, That this House most cordially accept the Invitation to a mutual Correspondence and Intercourse with our Sister Colonies.

Resolved unanimously, That a standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed to consist of Eleven Persons, to wit. The Honourable Matthew Tilghman, Esq; Speaker, John Hall, Thomas Johnson, William Paca, Samuel Chase, Edward Lloyd, Matthias Hammond, Josias Beall, James Lloyd Chamberlaine, Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, and Joseph Sim, Esquires, any Six of whom to be a Committee; whose Business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentick Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the British Parliament or Proceedings of Administration as may relate to, or affect the British Colonies in America, and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important Considerations, and the Result of such [their Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before this House.

Resolved unanimously, That the Speaker of this House transmit to the Speakers of the different Assemblies of the British Colonies on this Continent, Copies of the above Resolutions.

*The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.*

S A T U R D A Y, October 16, 1773.

THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read. Mr. William Ringgold appeared in the House. A Bill entitled, An Act to explain an Act, relating to Leaves made by the Rector, Vestrymen, and Churchwardens of Saint Anne's Parish; was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House appoint Mr. Gabriel Duvall a Committee Clerk.

Ordered, That he be qualified.

The following Certificate, viz.

ANNE ARUNDEL I HEREBY certify, that on the 16th Day of October, 1773, came Gabriel County, ff. I Duvall before me the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace of the said County, and took the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test, and took the following Oath, viz. "I Gabriel Duvall do swear, that I will true Entries make of all such Matters and Things as shall be to me directed by any Committee of the Lower House of Assembly for whom I shall act as Clerk, and that I will not divulge the Secrets of the said House or of any Committee thereof, but will in all Things well and truly demean myself according to the best of my Skill and Knowledge. So help me GOD."

R. GHISELIN.

Was read and ordered to be entered.

*The House adjourns till Monday.*

MONDAY.